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He probably doesn't think I read them, and he certainly wouldn't think I'd remember them this long, but he talked about, in the last 20 days that we have, how some bills are going to be dealt with, others might not be there, some we have to, some we want to, and others that we might not get to, but those who want their bills to have a chance, talk to people and see if you can work out differences so that work can be done on the floor on the very contentious issues, and that's the word he used, and I like that word. The contentious issues, see if some work can be done off the floor so that there can be a greater movement of the things that must move in the Legislature. I know there are things that we would like to see done that we are realistic enough to realize are not going to be done. There are some things that I really don't want to see done, and I hope they are not done. But what I hope those who think I'm totally recalcitrant and unreasonable will remember is how much I did yesterday to try to facilitate the movement of a bill that I cannot stand. In fact, I dislike it so much I won't even mention its number, but I've worked with others, but I can't get others really to work with me. So since I never ask for that kind of like give me a break, I am just going to have to do the work myself, which means I have to plow on, Senator Wickersham, just keep going. Now when the old days were really young days, that means they were just happening, and people didn't have automobiles, and they had to walk, it wasn't anything to walk 20 miles a day. It wasn't anything. If you wanted to get from point A to point B and 20 miles were in between, you had to walk it, and what some of these youngsters don't realize is that some of us had to walk, when it was snowing, we had to walk 30 miles to school and 30 miles back home, and it was uphill both ways. Now they don't even make things like that anymore, but that's the way it was in those days. So we could really tell you some stories. You'd wonder how we even survived, but no days which are gone were ever like people recollect them to have been. The times that are bad when we leave...when we live them become the good old days after we've survived them, and some distance has been placed between us and those days. But what I have to do here during these waning days of the session is to just be strong, to just persevere, and what I was thinking might happen is that one day Senator Wehrbein would be like a fellow who was going to vote impeachment of old Andrew Johnson. He was the guy who came along after Abraham Lincoln, and they had to carry a